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The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. The invention relates to a

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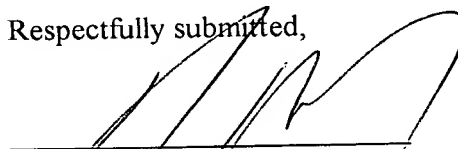
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general technique for carrying out chemical reactions. While the technique has particular benefit in the types of reactions set out in claim 7 and listed in the official action, the invention is not confined to these specific reactions. Claim 1 should therefore be examined as presented.

So far as claim 7 is concerned, should the generic claim not be sustainable, the applicants make a provisional election of the first listed reaction, namely the ammoxidation of propylene to acrylonitrile.

Respectfully submitted,



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